

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and are rejected.

After reviewing the rejections, Applicants asked the undersigned firm to conduct an interview with the newly assigned Examiner and his supervisor. Applicants thank the newly assigned Examiner and his supervisor for participating in the interview. Based upon the interview, Applicants provide the following comments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 are rejected as being anticipated by Kuhara (US 5,787,215).

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn. It was discussed and agreed during the interview, that the cited Kuhara patent fails to disclose the claimed arrangement of a light emitting device, driving element, and monitoring light receiving element.

CONCLUSION

Applicants earnestly await allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

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